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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Office of Managing Director
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Room TW-B204
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Attn: Wireline Competition Bureau

**Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service
Petition for Waiver – Expedited Action Requested
filed by Smith Bagley, Inc.
CC Docket No. 96-45**

Dear Madam Secretary:

On behalf of Smith Bagley, Inc. (“SBI”), we write to follow up on a request from the Commission staff for additional information in connection with SBI’s Petition for Wavier¹ (“Petition”) in the above-referenced proceeding.

The staff requested SBI to submit back-up data from the U.S. Census on estimates contained in SBI’s petition and supplements. We have attached a spreadsheet that demonstrates how SBI arrived at estimates, for among other things, population, unemployment, and household telephone penetration.

¹ Smith Bagley, Inc., Petition for Waiver – Expedited Action Requested, CC Docket No. 96-45 (filed March 19, 2004).

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We trust that you will find this information to be useful. Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact undersigned counsel directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David LaFuria".

David LaFuria
Counsel for Smith Bagley, Inc.